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## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

The File

From:

Stephen J. Roberson, Environmental Analyst, BWSC/SMP

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Date:

September 18, 1998

Subject:

MIDDLETON - Former Adhesives Manufacturer, 40 School Street

Release Tracking No. 3-0168

Site Visit, Conversation with Health Officer

On September 18, 1998 at approximately 10:00 a.m., the writer arrived at the former American Glue & Resin Company site in Middleton (the "site"). The purpose of the visit was to tour the site with representatives of the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the purpose of determining whether the removal and disposal of remaining wastes from the site might be undertaken as a federally-funded removal action pursuant to CERCLA. The following individuals were present for the site visit:

Stephen J. Roberson

DEP

AmyJean Lussier

**USEPA** 

Tina Hennesey

**USEPA** 

Patricia Auterio

Site Owner

The writer and other individuals listed above toured the site, and observed that conditions at the site were the same as the writer had observed approximately two weeks earlier (see Memorandum to the File dated August 31, 1998). Ms. Lussier reviewed the general procedures for undertaking federally funded removal actions pursuant to CERCLA, and indicated that she would prepare the necessary documentation to set this project in motion. Ms. Lussier noted that the project would not be put out to bid until after the beginning of the new Federal fiscal year on October 1, 1998, but stated that she could use the intervening weeks to lay the groundwork for a removal action so that it could happen promptly after the start of the new fiscal year. The writer promised to provide copies of all relevant documentation from DEP files, and to provide other assistance to EPA as necessary.

Mrs. Auterio asked if she should still proceed with trying to solicit other bids for the job that might be within her means. The writer and Ms. Lussier encouraged Mrs. Auterio to continue to solicit and evaluate bids for the project, since the project probably could be done at a lower cost if it were privately funded.

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Later the same afternoon, the writer contacted Leo Cormier, Health Officer for the Town of Middleton. The writer asked if Mr. Cormier could confirm that the Pocahontas Water Company (located immediately adjacent to the site) is not served by a private well. Mr. Cormier stated that the Pocahontas Water Company has been served by the Middleton public water supply for "a few years," and that he does not believe that there are any remaining private wells in the vicinity of the site.